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SUBJ: STATE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS: JANATA WAVE ONCE AGAIN

REF: NEW DELHI 8522

1. WITH RESULTS FROM MANY STATES NOW NEARLY COMPLETE,  
IT IS APPARENT THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TAMIL NADU AND  
WEST BENGAL THE JANATA PARTY HAS COME CLOSE TO REPEATING  
ITS MASSIVE SWEEP OF THE MARCH LOK SABHA POLL. IN FIVE  
OF THE STATES FOR WHICH RESULTS ARE NOW FINAL, JANATA  
HAS WON OVERWHELMING MAJORITIES, CAPTURING FROM 72 PER-  
CENT (MADHYA PRADESH) TO 83 PERCENT (HARYANA) OF THE  
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SEATS. IT HAS SECURED 82 PERCENT OF THE SEATS ON BOTH  
THE DELHI METROPOLITCAN COUNCIL AND MUNICIPAL COR-  
PORATION. JANATA IS WINNING A LARGE MAJORITY IN U.P.;  
WITH ALMOST ONE HUNDRED CONTESTS STILL TO BE REPORTED,  
IT HAS ALREADY SECURED A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN THE STATE  
ASSEMBLY. THE PERCENTAGE IS LIKELY TO GO HIGHER.  
COUNTING IN BIHAR CONTINUES TO BE SLOW. EARLY FRAG-

MENTARY RETURNS SHOWED JANATA AND THE CONGRESS/CPI ALLIANCE RUNNING ALMOST NECK AND NECK. JANATA HAS SURGED AHEAD IN RECENT HOURS, HOWEVER, AND NOW HAS WON 65 PERCENT OF THE SEATS DECLARED THUS FAR. MOST OBSERVVERS FEEL THAT IF THE PRESENT TREND CONTINUES, JANATA WILL SECURE A SOLID MAJORITY IN BIHAR.

2. JANATA TOOK A BEATING IN TAMIL NADU. WITH RETURNS NOW COMPLETE THE AIADMK HAS SECURED A CLEAR MAJORITY, TAKING 130 OF THE ASSEMBLY'S 234 SEATS. JANATA MANAGED TO WIN ONLY 10. ALTHOUGH MANY CONTESTS ARE YET TO BE DECIDED, THE CPM AND ITS LEFT FRONT ALLIES HAVE MAINTAINED THEIR COMMANDING LEAD IN WEST BENGAL, BUT HAVE NOT YET WON AN OUTRIGHT MAJORITY. STATE BY STATE BREAKDOWN AS OF 1000 HOURS LOCAL TIME FOLLOWS:

A. BIHAR (324 SEATS, 204 DECLARED); JANATA 133, CONGRESS 41, CPI 14, CPM ONE, OTHER PARTIES THREE, INDEPENDENTS 12.

B. HARYANA (90 SEATS, FINAL RESULT); JANATA 75, CONGRESS THREE, VISHAL HARYANA PARTY 5, INDEPENDENTS 7.

C. HIMACHAL PRADESH (68 SEATS, FINAL RESULT): JANATA 53, CONGRESS 9, INDEPENDENTS 6.

D. MADHYA PRADESH (320 SEATS, FINAL RESULT): JANATA 230, CONGRESS 84, INDEPENDENTS 6.

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E. ORISSA (147 SEATS, FINAL RESULT): JANATA 110, CONGRESS 26, CPI ONE, CPM ONE, INDEPENDENTS 9.

F. PUNJAB (117 SEATS, 115 SEATS DECLARED): JANATA 24, AKALI DAL 58, CPM 8, CONGRESS 16, CPI 7, INDEPENDENTS TWO.

G. RAJASTHAN (200 SEATS, FNAL RESULT, ONE CONTEST COUNTERMANDED DUE TO DEATH OF CANDIDATE): JANATA 150, CONGRESS 41, CPI ONE, CPM ONE, INDEPENDENTS 6.

H. TAMIL NADU (234 SEATS, FINAL RESULT): AIADMK 130, DMK 48, CONGRESS 27, JANATA 10, CPI 5, CPM 12, MUSLIM LEAGUE ONE, INDEPENDENT ONE.

I. UP (425 SEATS, 333 DECLARED); JANATA 274, CONGRESS 37, CPI 6, CPM ONE, INDEPENDENTS 15.

J. WEST BENGAL (294 SEATS, 153 DECLARED): CPM 93,

LEFT FRONT PARTIES 19, JANATA 24, CONGRESS 6, CPI TWO, INDEPENDENTS 9.

K. DELHI METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (56 SEATS, FINAL RESULTS): JANATA 46, CONGRESS 10.

L. DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (100 SEATS, FINAL RESULT): JANATA 82, CONGRESS 16, CPI ONE, INDEPENDENT ONE.

M. PONDICHERRY (30 SEATS, INFLA RESULT): AIADMK 14, DMK THREE, JANATA 7, CONGRESS TWO, CPI ONE, OTHER PARTIES THREE.

3. BINAYAK ACHARYA, THE CONGRESSMAN WHO SUCCEEDED MRS SATPATHY AS ORISSA CHIEF MINISTER, WAS DEFEATED. FORMER CONGRESS CHIEF MINISTER OF UP, N.D. TEWARI, WAS RETURNED. CPM LEADER JYOTI BASU WAS RE-ELECTED IN WEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BENGAL AND IS RUMORED AS THE NEXT CHIEF MINISTER. JANATA MEMBER OF THE RAJYA SABHA, V.K. SAKHLECHA, WAS ELECTED FROM MADHYA PRADESH AND IS BEING MENTIONED AS A POTENTIAL CHIEF MINISTER.

4. MEETING IN AMRITSAR JUNE 15, THE AKALI DAL LEGISLATIVE PARTY ELECTED PRAKASH SINGH BADAL AS ITS LEADER, THUS MAKING IT ALMOST CERTAIN THAT HE WILL HEAD THE PUNJAB GOVERNMENT. THE AKALIS' ELECTORAL PARTNER, THE JANATA, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH THE CPM APPARENTLY INTENDS TO ONLY LEND IT SUPPORT IN THE ASSEMBLY AND NOT PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, MOST JANATA LEGISLATIVE PARTIES IN STATES WHERE A MAJORITY HAS BEEN SECURED WILL MEET THIS WEEKEND TO ELECT THEIR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS, WHO WILL THEN PRESUMABLY BECOME CHIEF MINISTERS. GOHEEN

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